



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE  
LYON COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES**

**June 19, 2001**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE**  
**LYON COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES**

**June 19, 2001**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes for Lyon County Sheriff as of June 19, 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

**Financial Condition:**

The Sheriff collected net taxes of \$2,680,084 for the districts for 2000 taxes. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$2,569,167 to the districts for 2000 Taxes. No taxes are due to the districts and no refunds are due to the Sheriff.

**Deposits:**

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.



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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Lyon County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of June 19, 2001. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Lyon County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Lyon County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of June 19, 2001, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 10, 2002, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -  
April 10, 2002



LYON COUNTY  
KENT MURPHY, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES  
June 19, 2001

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 260,024	\$ 537,185	\$ 1,115,801	\$ 464,094
Tangible Personal Property	17,548	33,103	54,079	43,971
Intangible Personal Property				9,278
Fire Protection	448			
Taxes Increased Through Erroneous Assessments	70	155	301	125
Franchise Corporation	40,674	72,343	133,883	
Additional Billings	87	168	377	158
Bank Franchises	12,223			
Penalties	1,481	3,136	6,232	2,740
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	7	(89)	7	10
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 332,562</u>	<u>\$ 646,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,310,680</u>	<u>\$ 520,376</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 1,032	\$ 2,108	\$ 4,201	\$ 1,634
Discounts	4,413	9,071	18,545	8,102
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	6,705	13,847	28,739	11,953
Tangible Personal Property	777	1,352	2,396	1,506
Intangible Personal Property				63
Uncollected Franchise	2,173	3,940	6,978	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 15,100</u>	<u>\$ 30,318</u>	<u>\$ 60,859</u>	<u>\$ 23,258</u>
Net Tax Yield	\$ 317,462	\$ 615,683	\$ 1,249,821	\$ 497,118
Less: Commissions *	<u>13,780</u>	<u>25,094</u>	<u>49,993</u>	<u>21,415</u>
Net Taxes Due	\$ 303,682	\$ 590,589	\$ 1,199,828	\$ 475,703
Taxes Paid	303,614	590,460	1,199,551	475,542
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	<u>68</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>161</u>
Due Districts				
as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

\* Commissions:

10% on	\$ 10,000
4.25% on	\$ 1,183,637
4% on	\$ 1,470,403
1% on	\$ 16,043

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

LYON COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 19, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 19, 2001, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

LYON COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
June 19, 2001  
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Note 3. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2000. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2001. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was November 27, 2000 through April 16, 2001.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Lyon County Sheriff earned \$5,360 as interest income on 2000 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Lyon County Sheriff collected \$10,085 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

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**Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the Lyon County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of June 19, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 10, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lyon County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of June 19, 2001 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Lyon County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

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